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Corps lists North Atlantic water projects needing economic reanalysis

New York – As a result of a nationwide pause directed on April 30 by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Headquarters, its North Atlantic Division (NAD) has assessed 30 projects to determine the need for economic and other review. The majority of these projects will undergo an economic reanalysis as part of the agency's Civil Works process.

Two shore protection projects, Absecon Island, N.J. and Broadkill Beach, Del., were identified during the pause. They must undergo economic reanalysis and review of conditions to verify the federal investment decision prior to construction.

One of the projects, the recently suspended Delaware River Channel Deepening Project, is undergoing an economic reanalysis to meet budget requirements and answer questions raised concerning the project's economics.

Of the remaining 27 projects, 19 are either undergoing or will undergo an economic reanalysis in accordance with standard procedures in the civil works process. A list of the 30 projects and their current status is available at http://www.nad.usace.army.mil

According to Division Commander Brig. Gen. M. Stephen Rhoades, "We have a very methodical process to determine the economic and environmental justification for our projects. It is critical that we validate the integrity of our process and verify that the projects are in the public interest."

The division is responsible for water resources projects in 13 northeast and Mid-Atlantic states and the District of Columbia. Its Baltimore, New England, New York, Norfolk and Philadelphia Districts manage federal water resources projects to address environmental restoration, potential flood control, navigation and shore protection requirements.

Army Corps of Engineers water resource projects protect lives and property, enhance the nation's prosperity and contribute to the quality of life of all Americans.